



News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (10/15/21)

How Current COVID-19 Cases in California Compare to the Nation

[Patch reports](#) following months of a delta variant surge, new daily cases of COVID-19 are falling once again in much of the United States.

Since the first known COVID-19 case was identified in the U.S. on Jan. 21, 2020, there have been a total of about 43,674,000 confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus in the United States — or 13,349 for every 100,000 people.

In California, the infection rate is far lower than the national average. Since the first known case of COVID-19 was reported in California on Jan. 25, 2020, there have been 4,728,665 total infections in the state — or 11,954 for every 100,000 people. Of all 50 states and Washington D.C., California ranks No. 38 by cumulative COVID-19 cases, adjusted for population.

Just as COVID-19 infections are less concentrated in California, so too are deaths. So far, there have been 69,027 COVID-19 related deaths in California, or 174 for every 100,000 people. Meanwhile, the national COVID-19 death rate stands at 214 per 100,000 Americans.

Like other states with a lower-than-average COVID-19 infection rate, California implemented strict measures early in the pandemic to help slow the virus's spread. On Mar. 19, 2020, California implemented a temporary statewide stay-at-home order to limit person-to-person contact.

[These are all the counties in California where COVID-19 is slowing \(and where it's still getting worse\)](#). All COVID-19 data used in this story are current as of Oct. 7, 2021.

FDA to Hold Advisory Committee Meetings to Discuss Emergency Use Authorization for Booster Doses and COVID-19 Vaccines for Younger Children

[The U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) announced Monday](#) two upcoming meetings of its Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) to discuss newly available data for the currently available COVID-19 vaccines.

On Oct. 14 and 15, the advisory committee will meet to discuss the use of booster doses of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. Both vaccines are currently authorized for emergency use to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older. The committee will also hear presentations and discuss the available data on the use of a booster of a

different vaccine than the one used for the primary series of an authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine (heterologous or “mix and match” booster).

On Oct. 14, the committee will discuss an amendment to the emergency use authorization of the [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#) for the administration of a booster dose, in individuals 18 years of age and older.

On Oct. 15, the VRBPAC will discuss amending the emergency use authorization of Johnson and Johnson’s [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine](#) for the administration of a booster dose, in individuals 18 years of age and older.

Additionally, on Oct. 15, the committee will hear a presentation from the National Institute of Health’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases on the heterologous use of booster doses following the primary series of the three currently authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines.

During the meeting, the committee will hear presentations from the companies on the data for their respective vaccines. The FDA will also present its own analyses of each of the manufacturers’ data. There will be an open public hearing each day during which the public will be given an opportunity to provide comments.

The FDA anticipates receiving a request from Pfizer to amend its emergency use authorization to allow the use of its COVID-19 vaccine in children 5 through 11 years of age. In anticipation of the request, the FDA is moving forward with scheduling an advisory committee meeting on Oct. 26 to inform the agency’s decision-making.

The FDA intends to make background materials for both VRBPAC meetings available to the public, including the meeting agendas and committee rosters, no later than two business days before each meeting.

The FDA intends to livestream the VRBPAC meetings on the agency’s YouTube page ([Oct. 14 meeting link](#); [Oct. 15 meeting link](#); [Oct. 26 meeting link](#)), which will be viewable on the agency’s [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels; the meetings will also be webcast from the FDA website.

Merck Seeks FDA Emergency Use Authorization for Antiviral COVID-19 Treatment

[California News Times reports](#) Merck said Monday that it is seeking an emergency permission from the US Food and Drug Administration for molnupiravir, an experimental antiviral COVID-19 treatment. -19. It is provided in the form of capsules.

If approved, the drug made by Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapy will be the first oral antiviral treatment to combat COVID-19. It comes in the form of a capsule.

Merck said he is seeking approval for capsules to treat infected adults who are at risk of developing severe COVID-19 disease or hospitalization. The submission is based on a study that was tentatively discontinued because the drug worked so well in more than 700 patients randomly assigned to take either molnupiravir or placebo.

“In an interim analysis, molnupiravir reduced the risk of hospitalization or death by about 50%. 7.3% of patients who received molnupiravir after randomization compared to 14.1% of patients

who received placebo treatment. He was hospitalized or died by the 29th day, “he said in a statement.

“Until day 29, no deaths were reported in patients receiving molnupiravir compared to the deaths of eight patients receiving placebo.” All volunteers who participated in the study were vaccinated. I didn’t.

“The extraordinary impact of this pandemic requires us to move with unprecedented urgency, which submits this application for Molnupiravir to the FDA within 10 days of receiving the data by our team. That’s what we did, “said Robert Davis, CEO and President of Merck.

Exam data has not yet been peer-reviewed or published.

“Merck manufactures risky molnupiravir, with 10 million courses planned to be treated by the end of 2021, and more courses expected to be manufactured by 2022,” the company said. rice field.

We have already sold 1.7 million treatment courses to the US government. The company said it will offer gradual pricing to provide access to the world and work with generic drug manufacturers to accelerate availability to low- and middle-income countries.

At the White House COVID-19 briefing last week, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, called the test results “very promising,” but the drug requires close scrutiny by the FDA. I said there is.

“Whenever a new compound is introduced, safety is so important that it must go through the normal process of careful examination of data by the Food and Drug Administration for both efficacy and safety. “It’s important,” he said, saying that the Fauci vaccine remains “the best tool for COVID-19” by preventing infections and illnesses rather than treating them.

Many Latino Californians Waited to get a COVID-19 Vaccine. Why They’re Rolling Up Their Sleeves

[The Sacramento Bee reports](#) vaccination rates among Latino Californians still lag other ethnic groups. About 40.2% of Latinos are unvaccinated, much higher than the unvaccinated rates among Asian (4.9%) and white Californians (29.6%).

The delta variant, however, motivated many Latino Californians to get the shots. Data from the California Department of Public Health show 59.9% of vaccine-eligible Latinos in the state are fully or partially vaccinated against the virus.

That’s up from 50.5% of California Latinos on July 15, when Los Angeles County handed down an indoor mask mandate because of climbing delta variant cases.

In July, the Kaiser Family Foundation vaccine monitor assessed unvaccinated Americans and found they primarily fell into two groups of about equal size: People who would “definitely not” get a vaccine, and people like Aguilar who were taking a “wait and see” approach. Among unvaccinated adults, according to the survey, 1 in 5 said recent headlines about COVID variants made them more likely to get vaccinated.

For months, Latino communities' health experts have urged public officials to partner with trusted messengers in diverse communities to spread accurate information about the vaccine's efficacy and set up vaccine clinics in local neighborhoods or community events.

One of those vaccine clinics occurred in Sacramento, in the first week of October.

Billy Gougherty, a program director at Sacramento nonprofit that holds a weekly vaccine clinic with the California Department of Public Health, believes there is still a lot of misinformation over the vaccine among underserved populations.

At Gougherty's pop-up vaccine clinic in a Sacramento parking lot, health officials anticipated inoculating dozens of community members for their first or second doses of the vaccine. They provided a food truck giving away free paninis to patients who took their shots.

Yessica Blandon, 37, and her 15-year-old daughter arrived 15 minutes into the vaccine drive. Blandon said they felt relieved to receive their final dose of the Pfizer vaccine there.

As a former nurse at a Nicaraguan hospital, Blandon said she contracted the virus twice in the last year and a half. Blandon, who moved to the U.S. three months ago, struggled to gain access to a dose in Nicaragua.

At the clinic, a translator and Spanish-speaking nurses talked Blandon and her daughter through the process. Blandon said finding access to a dose was far easier to do in the U.S.

"Aside from contracting COVID before, I feel a sense of security now that I'm vaccinated," she said in Spanish.

Gougherty said his staff members at the nonprofit, Asian Resources, speak a total of 20 languages to assist community members like Blandon who are not fluent in English, which is essential to communicating with diverse communities about the vaccine's effectiveness.

COVID Hospitalizations Continue Drop from Summer Peak in LA County

[*NBC Los Angeles reports*](#) the number of coronavirus patients in Los Angeles County hospitals continues to fall, declining from 670 on Saturday to 656, according to state figures released Sunday.

The number of those patients in intensive care remained the same at 202.

It was the 36th time in the past 41 days that the number of COVID patients in county hospitals declined, down from a summer peak of nearly 1,800 brought on by the more contagious Delta variant.

The latest hospitalization numbers came one day after the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reported 1,195 new cases of COVID-19 and 28 additional deaths, bringing the county's cumulative totals to 1,469,790 cases and 26,308 deaths since the pandemic began.

Officials have said that about 90% of the fatalities associated with COVID-19 occurred in people with underlying health conditions.

Saturday's test positivity rate was 0.93%.

The health department also reported that between Aug. 29 and Sept. 25, unvaccinated Black and Latinx people had the highest case rates with 587 to 594 new cases per 100,000 people. Across all racial and ethnic groups, infection rates among unvaccinated people remained two to three times higher than among vaccinated people.

Black residents also had the highest hospitalization rates among both vaccinated and unvaccinated residents, with a rate of 62 hospitalizations for every 100,000 unvaccinated people, 27% higher than the rate in the next highest group, Latinx residents.

Among unvaccinated people, white residents had the highest death rates of all groups, followed closely by Latinx and Black residents.

Friday marked the first full day of new COVID-19 vaccination requirements for employees and customers at indoor portions of bars, wineries, distilleries, nightclubs and lounges in Los Angeles County. Employees and patrons of such businesses must show proof of at least one dose of vaccine, while two doses will be required beginning Nov. 4.

Unvaccinated customers and employees can still be in outdoor portions of affected establishments.

Meanwhile, people aged 12 and over attending outdoor mega-events of 10,000 or more people are now required to show proof of either full vaccination or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours. The requirement affects ticketed sporting events, outdoor concerts and theme parks that have 10,000 or more people in attendance.

Mask-wearing is also be required at all such events.

The vaccination-or-testing requirement was already in place for large indoor events of 1,000 people or more.

Overall, 78% of eligible county residents aged 12 and up have received at least one dose of vaccine, while 70% are fully vaccinated. Of the county's overall 10.3 million population, including 1.3 million kids under age 12 who are ineligible for the shots, 67% have at least one dose, and 60% are fully vaccinated.

Red Cross Entering Week 3 of Emergency Blood Shortage, Asking for Donations

[WANE 15 reports](#) the American Red Cross is continuing to experience an emergency blood shortage that caused the blood supply to drop to the lowest post-summer level in the last six years.

Fall is typically a time when the blood supply rebounds from summer blood shortages, but a surge in COVID-19 cases across the U.S. due to the delta variant has contributed to the lowest donor turnout of the year. The Red Cross said it must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week this month to meet hospital and patient needs.

With less than a day's supply of certain blood types in recent weeks, the Red Cross is asking donors of all blood types – especially type O – to make an appointment to give blood.

Appointments can be made by using the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

To encourage donations, anyone who donates between Oct. 11 and 31 will receive a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.

Each blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards for safety and infection control, the Red Cross said. Additional precautions including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status, have been implemented.

To view the list of upcoming blood donation opportunities with their dates and location, [view the full article](#).

California County May Fine EMS for Failed Response Times

[EMS 1 reports](#) Falck Alameda County may be required to pay financial penalties if chronic ambulance response time delays aren't corrected by later this month.

According to an October 4 letter from Alameda County Emergency Management Services (ALCO EMS), which oversees ambulance services in the county, Falck had failed to meet the "90% on-time threshold for Code 3 service calls" in each of Falck's three service zones, The Independent reported.

Due to the failure to adhere to contractual emergency response times, the county plans to assess fines for additional response time delays by Falck.

In the letter, ALCO EMS requested Falck provide the agency with a corrective action plan by October 19.

To read the plan within the letter, [view the full article](#).

Thousands of California Residents Will Have No Power. How the Medically Vulnerable Will be Impacted

[The Sacramento Bee reports](#) strong, gusty winds have prompted Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to shut off power to thousands of customers across Northern and Central California, with people reliant on electricity-powered medical devices disproportionately impacted.

Severed from electricity, elderly individuals and people reliant on electrical medical devices – motorized wheelchairs, ventilators, respirators, apnea monitors and more – often experience the worst impacts of these wildfire safety blackouts, which leave thousands scrambling to secure emergency oxygen tanks, find backup generators or conserve dwindling battery power.

As has become an almost annual ritual during California's intense and prolonged fire seasons, fueled by climate change and in part by problematic power lines, Disability Rights California are fielding a growing number of calls from residents who need assistance during power shutoffs.

"It's not just spoiled food," said Samuel Jain, a staff attorney at Disability Rights California. "The impact of these power shut offs is great, particularly on the disabled community."

The RAND Corporation estimated in 2019 that there were at least 176,483 people in California dependent on electricity for their medical treatment.

Only about a quarter of older adults who use essential electricity-dependent medical equipment had access to an alternative source of power in the event of an outage, a 2019 National Poll on Healthy Aging survey found.

Public utility companies are required to open community resource centers in areas impacted by power shut offs that offer things like charging stations capable of powering medical devices, cell service, water, restrooms and chairs. But Jain said not everyone who needs access to those centers during an outage may be able to get there — residents stuck in an apartment without a working elevator, for example.

“It’s not the only solution, but I think it could be one part of this support system,” Jain said. Even getting a sense of scale of who’s most vulnerable during planned power outages is difficult. Under the Medical Baseline program, California public utility companies offer people with special energy needs due to certain medical conditions not only cheaper rates, but also additional notices of power shutoffs. Utility companies have often used this program as a proxy for its most vulnerable customers who need advanced notice on public safety power shutoffs, but Jain said it fall short in tracking who will be severely impacted when the electricity goes out.

PG&E estimated that across Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, Butte, Yolo, Solano, Napa and Lake counties, about 1,500 medical baseline customers are affected by Monday’s power shutoffs — a figure that Jain said likely obscures the true number of elderly individuals and people with disabilities impacted.

The California Public Utilities Commission is considering additional regulations that would require public utility companies to expand who qualifies for advanced notification and assistance during power outages, including people who live in multi-family homes and use elevators to leave their homes, for example.

Ultimately, Jain said disability rights advocates hope that utility companies such as PG&E, facing heightened scrutiny over its wildfire safety record, will improve its infrastructure so it can withstand higher wind events and not have to shut off power as a precaution in the first place.

Wildfire Rages in Southern California Coastal Mountains

[News 4 Jax reports](#) a major highway in Southern California coastal mountains remained closed Wednesday and evacuation orders were in place as a growing wildfire chewed through dry vegetation in the region.

More than 760 firefighters battled the Alisal Fire, which covered 21 square miles (54 square kilometers) along the south Santa Barbara County coast and was only 5% contained, county fire officials said.

The fire was burning near Rancho del Cielo, which was once owned by Ronald and Nancy Reagan and was known as the Western White House during his presidency. Fire crews were protecting the ranch where Reagan hosted world leaders.

The fire erupted Monday on a ridge and swept toward the ocean, forcing the closure of U.S. 101, the only major highway on that section of the coast. Evacuation orders and warnings were in place for ranches and several rural communities.

While the area is lightly populated, the blaze burning in dense chaparral threatened more than 100 homes, ranches and other buildings, fire officials said.

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency on Tuesday and asked Gov. Gavin Newsom to declare a state of emergency to free up more state resources for firefighters and evacuees.

In Northern California, fire crews increased containment of a blaze that destroyed 25 mobile homes, 16 RVs and a park building at the Rancho Marina RV Park in Sacramento County.

No injuries were reported, and the cause remained under investigation.

To the south in San Joaquin County, a man suffered severe third-degree burns over most of his body and about five mobile homes were damaged by flames that raced through the Islander Mobile Home Park, Lathrop-Manteca Fire Chief Josh Capper told Fox40-TV.

Powerful gusts swept across the state Monday, toppling trees and whipping up blinding dust clouds. The Pacific Gas & Electric utility shut off power Monday to about 24,000 customers in targeted areas of 23 counties to prevent fires from being started if gusts damaged electrical equipment.

The windy weather then settled down somewhat and power was restored Tuesday, but red flag warnings for extreme fire danger will return Thursday and PG&E warned that it may need to cut power to about 29,000 customers across 19 counties on Thursday because of the renewed threat.

PG&E equipment was blamed for a 2018 fire that wiped out most of the town of Paradise in Butte County. The company filed for bankruptcy and pleaded guilty to 84 counts of involuntary manslaughter. PG&E also faces criminal charges for fires caused by its fraying equipment, including involuntary manslaughter counts after a blaze near Redding last year killed four.

A historic drought in the American West tied to climate change is making wildfires harder to fight. It has killed millions of trees in California alone. Scientists say climate change has made the West much warmer and drier in the past 30 years and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive.

Windy weather is a nightmare for firefighters in a state where heat waves and historic drought have left forests and brush tinder-dry. Fires that began in late summer are still burning after destroying hundreds of homes.

‘Running Out of Options’: Fight to Protect Giant Sequoias Has Gotten Experimental

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) as flames from the KNP Complex threatened to race up a steep slope toward the remote Muir Grove of giant sequoias, officials at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks had to think fast.

The right conditions could send flames shooting into the tops of the towering trees in Sequoia National Park, slaying the old-growth giants.

Christy Brigham, chief of resources management and science for the parks, was desperate to save the ancient trees, but they couldn’t be reached to treat with traditional protection methods. She opted to go “experimental.”

Brigham made the call to drop a goopy fire-retardant gel on a small portion of the grove.

The polyacrylamide gel, similar to what's in baby diapers, is thicker and stickier than the typical retardant used in aerial firefighting tactics. The theory was that it would adhere better to the grove's canopy and could be reactivated with water just before flames arrived if it dried out.

But the gel had never been used on sequoias before, Brigham said.

"Do we want to try this?" she said. "Or do we want to take our chances that another grove ... of irreplaceable 2,000-year-old trees" will be incinerated?

The novel firefighting method is the latest that fire officials and tree experts have implemented in the face of twin wildfires that have been rampaging through California's southern Sierra Nevada for the last month.

Since igniting Sept. 9 amid a huge lightning storm, the KNP Complex and the nearby Windy fire — which is burning in Sequoia National Forest and the Tule River Indian Reservation — have charred more than 184,000 acres combined, including [at least 26 groves](#) of giant sequoias.

The massive trees have adapted through the centuries to withstand low-intensity fire, and they even need flames to reproduce. But experts say the drought-stressed sequoias are increasingly no match for extreme blazes stoked by climate change and a buildup of bone-dry vegetation.

In an effort to protect them, crews have wrapped the massive trees in fire-resistant aluminum material akin to tinfoil, rigged sprinkler systems in rugged terrain, set preemptive fires to burn away potential fuels and even sent climbers up a 200-foot tree to douse it with water.

"We're admittedly in kind of a trial-and-error phase," said Garrett Dickman, a botanist with Yosemite National Park assigned to the Windy fire. "Some of it's going to work, and some of it's not."

Many are desperate to avoid a repeat of last year's Castle fire, which wiped out 10% of the giant sequoia population in the Sierra Nevada. At least [7,500 trees](#) burned in that blaze.

It's not yet clear how well all of the tactics are working, including those in the Muir Grove. Though the Windy fire is 85% contained, firefighters have made far less headway on the KNP Complex, which is still at a stubbornly low 20% containment.

Damage assessments for the blazes are still in the early stages, fire officials say. Heavy smoke has frequently prevented helicopters and drones from flying over the burn area to survey potential damage, and some groves are tucked far away in inaccessible terrain.

But parks officials are bracing for bad news.

To read more on how officials are working to protect the sequoias, [view the *Time's* full article.](#)

Air Traffic Control Warned Pilot of Flying Too Low Moments Before Crash in Santee

[NBC San Diego reports](#) a doctor piloting a twin-engine Cessna C340 that crashed Monday in Santee near Santana High School has been identified as one of at least two people killed in the incident, officials said.

The plane was headed to San Diego from Yuma, Arizona. It was supposed to land at Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport in Kearny Mesa, according to the flight plan, but never

made it. It is unclear if the pilot was attempting to make an emergency landing at Gillespie Field in Santee, which is just a few miles from where the plane crashed at around 12:15 p.m.

According to witnesses, the plane, which had tail number N7022G, went down along Greencastle Street where it intersects with Jeremy Street. The wing of the plane clipped a UPS truck that was nearing a stop sign, killing the driver. The fuselage then slid toward two homes and exploded, witnesses said.

The chief medical officer of the Yuma Regional Medical Center confirmed Monday evening that the pilot of the plane was a colleague.

“We are deeply sad to hear news of a plane owned by local cardiologist Dr. Sugata Das which crashed near Santee,” said Dr. Bharat Magu, Chief Medical Officer at YRMC. “As an outstanding cardiologist and dedicated family man, Dr. Das leaves a lasting legacy. We extend our prayers and support to his family, colleagues and friends during this difficult time.”

A family friend told NBC 7 that Das worked at the YRMC but lived in San Diego, flying back and forth frequently.

In audio of Das' exchanges with Air Traffic Control about a half-mile from the runway, a controller can be heard telling Das his plane is too low.

“Low altitude alert, climb immediately, climb the airplane,” the controller told Das.

The controller repeatedly urges the plane to climb to 5,000 feet, and when it remains at 1,500 feet warns: “You appear to be descending again, sir.”

Shortly before 2 p.m. at a news conference near the crash scene, Santee Fire Department Deputy Fire Chief Justin Matsushita confirmed that at least two people died in the crash or the ensuing fire.

"It's a pretty brutal scene for our guys and we're trying to comb through it," Matsushita said, adding that he was unsure if there were additional fatalities. He did say that the debris field from the crash extended nearly a block to the southeast.

An investigator from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSA) was expected to be at the scene Tuesday morning, the agency said.

In addition to the pair of destroyed homes, at least five more were damaged.

Matsushita said two people were taken to local hospitals for treatment. Neighbors told NBC 7 they are a husband and wife who were saved from the charred home on the corner struck by the body of the plane. The woman was rescued through a window, [her hair singed and face burned](#). Her husband was rescued from the back yard, pulled through the fence to safety by neighbors.

Officials at the site said they were unsure how many people were traveling aboard the aircraft, but said it was very likely anybody inside the plane was killed by the impact and subsequent fire. The Cessna C340 is a six-seat plane, according to multiple sources.

At around 3 p.m., an official with UPS confirmed the truck that was clipped by the plane was one of theirs and said one of their drivers had died at the crash scene.

To read more on this tragic accident and how witnesses described the incident, [view the full article](#).

California Wildfires Destroy Mobile Homes; 1 Man Burned

[23 ABC News Bakersfield reports](#) officials say powerful California wildfires driven by intense winds have caused damage at two mobile home parks and destroyed some trailers. One man has suffered severe burns.

The winds on Monday stoked destructive blazes, toppled trees, whipped up blinding dust clouds and forced a utility to cut power to thousands of customers in an effort to prevent wildfires.

Authorities say about 30 structures were destroyed Monday afternoon when flames roared through a mobile home park in Sacramento County.

In San Joaquin County, a man was severely burned and about five trailers were destroyed at another mobile home park. The winds were easing on Tuesday.

ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon

- **Bachelor of Science Nursing Loan Repayment Program;** *employment, labor, & training; health & human services*
 - Funded by: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
 - Deadline: **Friday, October 15, 2021**
 - Total estimated funding: \$1.701 million
 - Full grant guidelines: [linked here](#)
 - **Online application:** [linked here](#)
- **2021-22 Law Enforcement Specialized Units (LE) Program RFP;** *consumer protection; disaster prevention & relief; law, justice, and legal services*
 - Funded by: Governor's Office of Emergency Services
 - Deadline: **Friday, October 15, 2021**
 - Total estimated funding: \$1.422 million
 - Full grant guidelines: [linked here](#)
- **Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program;** *employment, labor, & training; health & human services*
 - Funded by: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
 - Deadline: **Friday, October 15, 2021**
 - Total estimated funding: \$600k
 - Full grant guidelines: [linked here](#)
 - **Online application:** [linked here](#)
- **Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program;** *employment, labor & training; health & human services*
 - Funded by: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
 - Deadline: **Friday, October 15, 2021**
 - Total estimated funding: \$639k
 - Full grant guidelines: [linked here](#)
 - **Online application:** [linked here](#)

Funding Opportunities

Cultural Humility and Equity Trainings

[The Department of Public Health](#) is soliciting responses from qualified vendors to provide technical training and assistance (TTA) that increases the implementation of Cultural Humility practices and Health Equity strategies in chronic disease prevention and management within Prevention Forward (PF) contractor service areas that include Fresno, Monterey, Merced, Solano, Madera, Sacramento, and Los Angeles counties.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) mission is dedicated to optimizing the health and well-being of the people in California. In 2018, CDPH, Chronic Disease Control Branch was awarded a five-year grant (September 30, 2018 through June 29, 2023) “Improving the Health of Americans Through Prevention and Management of Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke” - CDC-RFA-DP18-1815 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The California program is referred to as “Prevention Forward (PF).” The goal of the PF program is to improve the health of Californians through prevention and management of heart disease, stroke, high blood cholesterol, and diabetes. The Contractor agrees to provide to CDPH/PF the services described herein. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 131058 and 131085, respectively, the Contractor will provide services that will result in increased awareness of cultural humility and health equity strategies to manage chronic diseases among diverse populations in underserved areas.

Service coordination, meetings, consultations and reporting in scope of work activities will be conducted with public health and safety priorities. Coordination will be conducted per COVID-19 state guidelines such as using social distancing and distance learning measures including virtual online platforms, telehealth, conference phone calls, computer assisted coordination, and emails. All Scope of Work (SOW) activity reporting to the PF Staff will be conducted using online platforms or email.

This agreement is entered by and between PF and the Contractor. Contractor agrees to provide cultural humility and health equity trainings and technical assistance (TTA) to PF staff and funded county health departments and/or local health centers and statewide networks approved by PF as described herein.

Eligible applicants include businesses, individuals, nonprofits, public agencies, and tribal governments.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Monday, October 18, 2021**. Total estimated funding is \$108k. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

Floodplain Management, Protection, and Risk Awareness Grant Program

[The Department of Water Resources](#) has created the Floodplain Management, Protection and Risk Awareness Grant Program to support local agency efforts to prepare for flooding events by providing financial assistance for flood risk reduction activities related to stormwater flooding, mudslides, and other flash flood related protections. This Program will incorporate an increased focus on economically disadvantaged community assistance and multi-benefit project features.

The program was established in 2019 by the State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom through Assembly Bill 74, which also authorized the use of funds from Proposition 68: The

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Fund Act of 2018 of Senate Bill No. 5. This grant program will fund multi-benefit flood risk reduction projects which primarily address stormwater flooding, mudslides, and flash flood-related protections. Priority will be given to flood risk reduction projects located in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) special flood hazard area, however funding projects to achieve FEMA certification is not an objective of the Program.

On September 27, 2021, DWR announced the opening of the solicitation period for the FMPRA Grant Program with the release of the Final Guidelines and Grant Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP). This solicitation made \$50.4 million available with approximately \$5 million reserved for planning and monitoring projects that will lead to the successful selection, design, and implementation of a project type authorized under these Guidelines.

Solicitation of proposals for these funds will begin with the request for Concept Proposals to avoid the expense of preparing full proposals for all projects. **A concept proposal must be submitted for a full proposal to be considered for funding.**

Concept proposals will be due to the Department 30 days after the opening of the solicitation period. Feedback on concept proposals will be provided within 45 days of the submittal deadline.

Concept Proposal Submittal Deadline: **5:00 pm, October 27, 2021.**

Applicants will have 60 days to prepare their full proposal after receiving feedback on the concept proposal.

Full Proposal Submittal Deadline: **5:00 pm, February 9, 2022.**

Eligible funding recipients include any California public agency, nonprofit organization, public utility agency, federally recognized Indian tribe, State Indian tribe listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List, or mutual water company.

Eligible projects must be located in a California watershed including coastal, alluvial fan, and riverine basins. However, Delta conveyance facility projects are excluded.

A match of 25 percent of local cost share (matching fund) is required. Local cost share may include, but is not limited to, federal funds, local funding, or donated services from non-State sources. The local cost share requirement may be waived or reduced for projects that directly benefit a disadvantaged community.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Wednesday, October 27, 2021.** Total estimated funding available is \$50.4 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).